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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/518,428	GISSELFALT, KATRIN	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Benjamin J. Gillespie	1711	

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 November 2006.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____ .
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) Other: ____ .

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) The invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Flodin ('441).

Flodin discloses linear polyurethane comprising polyisocyanates, polyester diol, diamine chain extenders, and chain terminating ethanolamine (Col 1 lines 64-67, col 2 lines 1-7, 11-13, 28-31, and 60). Furthermore, the NCO/OH ratio or the diisocyanate to polyester diol is greater than 2 in many of the examples, and that excess diamine can be used resulting in amine termination (Examples 1 and 5, col 2 lines 12-13). He shows using the polymer for implants, and in example 1 he shows making woven mats from fibers, which would be porous. Based on the same monomers and stoichiometric ranges, applicants' claimed mechanical properties would be inherently possessed.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed 11/20/2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicants' argue that Flodin does not anticipate nor render obvious the claimed linear block polymer because there is no disclosure of corresponding y or z values. However, Flodin does teach the claimed diamine, aromatic diisocyanate, esterdiol, and ethanolamine as claimed by applicants as well as the stoichiometric ratio between R2 and R3 in examples 1 and 5, which consists of 2.26:1 and 4.5:1 respectively.

3. Furthermore the language of the claim 1, wherein R1, R2, R3, and R4 are "derived" from their respective compounds, does not exclude each component from containing other species. Therefore Flodin anticipates the claimed formula of claim 1 based on the same starting reactants, shared stoichiometry, and the claims allowance of other species in each R component.

4. Regarding applicants' remarks on elongation at break, applicants' and patentee's monomers and stoichiometries are shared, therefore the position is taken that the claimed mechanical properties are inherently possessed by the composition of Flodin.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Benjamin J. Gillespie whose telephone number is 571-272-2472. The examiner can normally be reached on 8am-5:30pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on 571-272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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